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INR and Cuban Crisis, October 22
to Date

October 22

- 7:30 - Mr. Hilsman in for discussion of available information on offensive weapons in Cuba in preparation for special USIB meeting. Most important question was how much information could be released at 6:00 briefing of Ambassadors in order to obtain credibility.
- 8:30 - Mr. Hilsman attended special USIB meeting (Top Secret minutes available).
- 11:00 - Hilsman with Sonnenfeldt to meeting in President's office to discuss what could be told to Ambassadors.
- 11:45 - Hilsman met with Manning, Greenfield, Rowan, Neubert, Sonnenfeldt, Hughes, Brown, Stoertz (CIA), and Huizenga (CIA) to discuss

what would be told Ambassadors and press.

Tentative arrangements made for Hilsman
to brief press following two separate
briefings of Ambassadors at 6:00 and 8:00.

- 12:10 - Hilsman called to Secretary's Office.
Subject? ?
- 12:27 - Hilsman returned from Secretary's Office
and rejoined information policy meeting
which began at 11:45 in his office.
- 12:40 - Hilsman called Forrestal on picture problem.
- 1:40 - Paul Mitze called Hilsman
- 2:00 - Mr. McGeorge Bundy called
- 2:16 - General Colling called.
- 2:30 - Called Mr. Orrick
- 2:40 - Mr. Orrick came in to a scene of confusion
and Hilsman urged him to keep in mind the
pressures IRR was under.

- 2:45 - Hilsman left for White House for briefing
 with President.

- 4:19 - Hilsman returned from White House and met
 with Hughes, Neubert, Stoertz (CIA),
 Col. Parker (NPIC) and Sonnenfeldt on
 presentation for Ambassadors.

- 4:50 - Hilsman called Harlan Cleveland

- 4:52 - Hilsman called Forrestal

- 6:03 - Hilsman left for Ball's Office with Hughes
 and Sonnenfeldt.

- 6:15 - Hilsman began briefing Ambassadors in Main
 International Conference Room.

- 8:15 - Hilsman began briefing of neutral Ambassadors
 in Main International Conference Room

- 8:45 - Hilsman went to East Auditorium to brief
 representative of the press.

October 23

- 10:30 - Hilsman in to discuss latest information on missile situation with Hughes, Sonnenfeldt, Toumanoff, Brown, and Neuberger.
- 11:16 - Forrestal in to see Hilsman
- 11:22 - Harlan Cleveland in with Forrestal and Hilsman.
- 11:50 - Forrestal left.
- 12:15 - Harlan Cleveland called on final arrangements for Hilsman to go to New York to brief Stevenson.
- 12:35 - Hilsman left for airport and went up to New York with Toumanoff.
- 7:00 - Hilsman returned from New York.
- 7:20 - Hilsman and Scott to Johnson's Office for debriefing on afternoon meeting at White House.

- 7:55 - Secretary called; call transferred to
Johnson's office.
- 8:30 - Hilsman departed.

October 24

- 8:30 - Hilsman in for INR briefing.
- 10:20 - Hilsman called Manning regarding 11:00
briefing of European Broadcasting Union.
- 10:55 - Hilsman left for USIB meeting.